



# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

## CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION ASCENSION SUNDAY

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### WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION!

We are delighted to welcome you to Church of the Ascension. A vibrant church community in Denver since its founding in 1904, Ascension is a place where faith and real life intersect. From here, we are called to share God's love in the Church and in the world through generous hospitality, serving one another, community involvement, and providing a safe place to explore a relationship with God. Whether you are a Denver native or have recently moved here, a committed Christian or someone inquiring about the faith for the first time, we want you to feel at home. Please know that you are invited to participate in all aspects of our worship. We are so glad that you're here.

Lucy Amerman, Interim Rector

### GIVING

The generosity of our parishioners and friends is what makes Ascension thrive. From children's and youth ministries to music to outreach and so much more, your generosity contributes to the vitality of our parish. You can contribute financially by texting AscensionDenver to 73256, going to [www.ascensiondenver.org](http://www.ascensiondenver.org), or by mailing your contribution to 600 Gilpin Street, Denver, CO 80218. *Please consider a gift to provide an even stronger foundation for 2024 and beyond.* Thank you!

**KEEPING PLEDGES CURRENT.** During this time of transition, it is especially important that we manage our budget, and you can help by keeping your pledge payment current over the course of the year, especially during the spring and summer months. While many of us will enjoy time away, Ascension's expenses do not take a vacation! Simply text "AscensionDenver" to 73256 or visit [www.ascensiondenver.org/pledge](http://www.ascensiondenver.org/pledge). Thank you for your generosity!

**THE ASCENSION LEGACY.** Participants in The Ascension Legacy have made a commitment to support Ascension through a gift in their will or other planned gift. Any person, regardless of age or circumstance, can make a gift of gratitude that will help create a lasting foundation for Ascension. To find out more, please contact Endowment Committee Chair Chad Nichols or Parish Administrator Sarah Dougherty at [sarah@ascensiondenver.org](mailto:sarah@ascensiondenver.org).

## PARISH LIFE

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.** It is an Ascension tradition to present a red rose to the mothers of – and those who have been like mothers to – our parishioners.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION.** Save the date for our Pentecost Day celebration on **Sunday, May 19!** We will honor our rising 6th graders, acolytes, and Sunday School volunteers during the 10 a.m. service. This will also be Mary Maragaret's last Sunday. Please plan on joining us at 11 a.m. coffee hour as we celebrate and thank Mary Margaret.

**CELEBRATING MARY MARGARET!** Plan to join us after the 10 a.m. service on **Sunday, May 19** as we celebrate Mary Margaret! If you would like to contribute to a gift for Mary Margaret to acknowledge all she has done for Church of the Ascension, you may give online at: <https://onrealm.org/ascensiondenver/-/form/give/online> (scroll down to the bottom of the drop down menu and select "Gift for Mary Margaret"). You may also write a check and mail it to the church, or drop it in the collection plate. Please make your check out to Church of the Ascension with "Mary Margaret" in the memo line. The due date for gifts is **Sunday, May 19.** We look forward to celebrating with you all.



**SUMMER SCHEDULE.** Our summer schedule begins **Sunday, May 26.** Each Sunday from May 26 through Sunday, September 1, Ascension will have one family-friendly service with music at **9 a.m.**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED.** The office will be closed **Monday, May 27 through Friday, May 31** while our parish administrator Sarah Dougherty is on vacation.

**RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE.** The job posting for our new Rector remains open until May 15th and we have been receiving interest. The Search Committee is working on preparations and questions for the first round of interviews with prospective candidates. We will have a meeting with Canon Vanessa Stickler-Glass of the Diocese on May 23 to review the applications received. You can view our profile at our website: <http://www.ascensiondenver.org/rectorsearch>. If you have any questions about the search, please email [search@ascensiondenver.org](mailto:search@ascensiondenver.org).

**PRINTED DIRECTORY UPDATE.** Thank you to everyone who participated in the photo sessions for our new directory. The process of merging all the addresses and other information is almost complete. A printed directory should be available by **mid to late June.** This is a lengthy process, and we are excited to share the final product soon. If you have any questions, please email Amy Leonard at [amyleonard022@gmail.com](mailto:amyleonard022@gmail.com) or Christi Canada at [christi.canada@gmail.com](mailto:christi.canada@gmail.com).

## ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

*For more information or to receive a Zoom link, please email Amy Feins at [amy@ascensiondenver.org](mailto:amy@ascensiondenver.org).*

**BIBLE STUDIES.** Gospel Bible Study meets **today at 9 a.m.** in Classroom B and will focus on the Gospel lectionary reading for the day. Tuesday Bible Study led by Associate Rector Amy Feins meets **Tuesdays at 12 noon** on Zoom and focuses on Hebrew scripture. This week we will continue our study of the Book of Lamentations.

**BOOK GROUP.** Throughout the year and within the context of our Christian faith, the Ascension book study seeks to listen to and explore a variety of voices through fiction, nonfiction, memoir, and poetry. The resulting thoughtful discussions take place on **Tuesdays at 5 p.m.** on Zoom. Our next book is *Go As a River*, by Shelly Read. Inspired by true events surrounding the destruction of the town of Iola, Colorado in the 1960s, *Go as a River* is a story of deeply held love in the face of hardship and loss, but also of finding courage, resilience, friendship, and, finally, home – where least expected. Join us on **Tuesday, May 14 at 5 p.m.** on Zoom as we start what will be our last book before the summer break.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.** There will be Sunday School today at 9 a.m. for children in PreK through grade 5. Sunday School continues through **May 19**.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Youth Sunday School for those in grades 6 through 12 continues through **May 19** in the library upstairs.

**NURSERY.** The nursery will be open this **Sunday, May 12** and **Sunday, May 19** for ages 0-4. The nursery will be closed for the summer but will reopen in the fall! As always, children are welcome in our services.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

**THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTES.** Thank you to Lee Antrim, Scarlett Banks, Violet Banks, Finley Brown, Knox Dougan, Davy Ferguson, Thomas Fitzgerald, Warren Knowlton, Lucy Miller, Savannah Miller, Foster Nichols, Adair Shannon, Maddie Simpson, Ben Stapleton, Teddy Stapleton, Daisy Tulp, Davis Tulp, Tate Tulp, Freddie Wold, Jack Wold, Marilyn Wold, Charlie Wullschlager, and Jack Wullschlager for serving as acolytes during the 2023-2024 school year! We are so thankful for their service to Ascension.

**SUMMER SINGERS.** We are excited to announce that Ascension will once again be offering a summer choir. One Sunday each month we will sing a short and easy anthem during the offering. Open to all ages, this is the perfect opportunity to sing as a family and/or try out singing with the choir with no commitment. Summer Singers will meet in the sanctuary at 8 a.m. and sing for 9 a.m. worship on **June 16, July 14, and August 18**. No need to sign up- simply show up. For questions or more information email [cindy@ascensiondenver.org](mailto:cindy@ascensiondenver.org).

**FAVORITE HYMN.** Do you have any favorite hymns? We would like to know! Rank your top five favorite hymns and send them to Director of Music, Cindy Lindeen-Martin ([cindy@ascensiondenver.org](mailto:cindy@ascensiondenver.org)). We will try to incorporate them into our worship services this summer and beyond.

**COMMON CUP AT COMMUNION.** At our 8 and 10 a.m. services, we offer bread (including gluten-free) and wine to sip from the chalice. *At this point, our bishop has not authorized the return of intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) by parishioners.* Please know that receiving bread alone is full communion, and either or both constitute the full sacramental presence of Christ.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH.** Flowers remind us of the beauty of God's creation and are an offering of thanksgiving to God. If you would like to contribute flowers in thanksgiving, honor, or memory of someone or some special event, please email Sarah Dougherty at [sarah@ascensiondenver.org](mailto:sarah@ascensiondenver.org).

## OUTREACH AND MISSION

**WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE.** Once a month, Ascension parishioners make lunches that are distributed to Urban Peak in partnership with our outreach partner Women's Homelessness Initiative. Please consider helping in the following ways:

- Bring the following items to the basket at the back of the Church: bottled water (**8 ounces or less, please**), bread, and savory and sweet individually wrapped snacks.
- Join us for lunch-making **on Tuesday, May 14 at 3:45 p.m.** in the Kitchen for this fun fellowship activity for all ages.

**URBAN PEAK.** The Outreach Committee is excited to be partnering with Urban Peak, an organization that serves unhoused youth, to serve dinner once a month. We will serve our first meal on **Sunday, May 19** and are looking for a few people to sign up to make food or help serve. Food will need to be ready by 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 19 at the church. Sign up [here](#).



## UPCOMING

### MONDAY, MAY 13

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Zoom*  
6 p.m. The Steps We Took AA meeting, *Library*

### TUESDAY, MAY 14

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Zoom*  
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, *North Meeting Room*  
Noon Bible Study, *Zoom*  
3:45 p.m. WHI lunch making, *Kitchen*  
5 p.m. Book Study, *Zoom*

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Zoom*  
6 p.m. New Freedom AA meeting, *Library*

### THURSDAY, MAY 16

- 8 a.m. Centering Prayer, *Chapel and Zoom*  
7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal, *Church*

### FRIDAY, MAY 17

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Chapel and Zoom*

*To receive a Zoom link for Bible or book studies, please email Amy Feins at [amy@ascensiondenver.org](mailto:amy@ascensiondenver.org).*

*To receive a Zoom link for Centering Prayer, please email Barb Watson at [barbarawatson825@comcast.net](mailto:barbarawatson825@comcast.net).*

*To receive a Zoom link for Morning Prayer, please email Brian Ward at [beemerward@icloud.com](mailto:beemerward@icloud.com).*



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and from where we are called to share God's love in the church and in the world.*

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment



## 2024 GRADUATING SENIORS



### **Collin Butler**

Collin is the son of Holly and Davis Butler. He has enjoyed the youth ministry program at the Church of the Ascension since he was five years old and later progressed to participate as an Acolyte during the ten o'clock service. He is graduating from Regis Jesuit High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society. He was a member of the Junior Varsity Soccer team for three years. In his senior year, he did an internship with the Regis High School Sports Trainer to explore his interest in sports medicine as a field of study in College. Collin plans to attend Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas and was awarded the

Dean's Scholarship.

### **Sarah Peck Caulkins**

Sarah Peck Caulkins is the daughter of Christina and George Caulkins, and the adored and adoring sister of brothers, Will and Henry. Sarah will graduate from Kent Denver School in May 2024. In the Fall, she will attend Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, where she was recruited as a lacrosse player. At Kent Denver she played on the Varsity Field Hockey and Lacrosse teams all four years. In the Spring of 2023, she was named to the High School All-American Team for lacrosse. She has volunteered with CityLax and Clothes to Kids. During the Fall of her sophomore year, she studied in Zermatt, Switzerland. She was confirmed at Church of the Ascension, as were her brothers.



### **William Wetzel**

William is the youngest son of Charlotte and Scot Wetzel. Born in Denver, baptised and confirmed at Church of Ascension, and graduating from Evergreen High School next week. He will be attending University of Colorado, Boulder to study Communications and Finance. While at Evergreen, William was a state finalist for DECA, a member of the Golf Team, Mountain Biking Team, Varsity Lacrosse Team and the Big Mountain Ski Team at Loveland. An active member of his community, William participated in local Rotary activities and created a lawn care business that is thriving! In his spare time William enjoys skiing, hunting and fly-fishing, working out, spending time with friends, and investing in the stock market.

### **Scarlett Rosemary Wiedenmayer**

Scarlett Rosemary Wiedenmayer is graduating from East High School with Honors later this month, where she has been an active member in all areas of school life. Throughout her four years at East, Scarlett has thrived as an Angel and has involved herself in Athletics, the Arts as well as the Community. She was a four year member of the Varsity Field Hockey Team, serving as Jr. Captain her Junior year and Co-Captain in her Senior campaign. She earned CHSAA Second-Team Honors both her Junior and Senior Years, along with the prestigious EA Golden Stick award her Junior season. An avid athlete she also played Varsity Lacrosse and Tennis, and qualified for State tennis this May. She was a member of DECA for two years and made it to the final round of the State Qualifier. She has a passion for singing and was a member of the East Angels Choir program for three years, earning a spot as well as a solo in the coveted Pop Show this past Spring. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. Scarlett has enjoyed a very blessed four years at East and is so excited to continue her talents for all things arts, athletics and community at Santa Clara University in the Fall where she will major in Political Science.



Graduating seniors not listed above: Alexandra Hatzidakis and Katherine Rhine